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FOR News



Graduating a New Class of FOR River Guides

Last month, a new class of river advocates completed Friends of the River's intensive **10-Day Guide Activist Training**. These dedicated volunteers are now prepared to lead river trips, connect people to California's waterways, and inspire action to protect and restore rivers across the state.

A **special thank you** to our volunteer guides, trainers, safety crew, kitchen team, and supporters who showed up to make this transformative week possible.



Rafting for the Resistance

Protecting California's rivers takes more than speaking out against dams, diversions, and bad water policy, **it takes people**. During our Rafting for the Resistance weekend, new friends and longtime advocates came together on the South Fork American River to learn, connect, and deepen their commitment to California's rivers. The resistance begins with building community, understanding what's at stake, and **creating the collective power needed to defend the rivers** we love.



Rendezvous by the River - Oct 3rd

SAVE THE DATE - Every victory for a river begins with people who care. Join us for an unforgettable evening by the river and under the stars as we celebrate our community, our shared accomplishments, and the rivers we're working together to protect.

Currents: *Victories and Threats*

We're excited to bring you this month's Currents—highlighting key news on California's rivers and the actions Friends of the River is taking to protect them.



Draft Permit Exposes Sites Reservoir's Weaknesses

When a project only works by weakening protections for rivers and wildlife, it's worth asking whether it should move forward at all. A new draft permit for Sites Reservoir exposes the project's growing environmental and economic challenges. [Read more.](#)



State rejects federal temperature plan for Sacramento River salmon

State regulators have rejected Reclamation's temperature plan for the Sacramento River, saying it fails to protect endangered salmon. Learn why this dispute could have major consequences for California's rivers, fisheries, and water future. [Read more.](#)



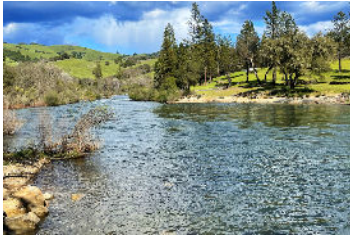
We Are Still Here: The Winnemem Wintu Tribe Fight to Stop the Shasta Dam Raise

After losing more than 90% of their ancestral homeland to Shasta Dam, the Winnemem Wintu Tribe is fighting to protect what remains. Discover what's at stake and why Californians are standing together to stop the dam raise. [Read more.](#)



The Eel River Dams Saga Continues

Just when it seemed the Eel River dam removal was moving forward, a new political battle erupted. As federal officials push to keep the dams in place, Friends of the River is fighting to keep the decommissioning process grounded in science, law, and the public interest. [Read more.](#)



Are Claws Back in the South Fork American River?

The South Fork American River is once again in the crosshairs as El Dorado County agencies move to expand water rights that could reshape river flows and divert more water out of the watershed. What's being pitched as "water reliability" is raising familiar questions about who gets to decide the future of a river shared far beyond county lines. [Read more.](#)



Historic Water Agreement on the American River Renewed

The American River's latest chapter isn't about conflict, but continuation—where decades of competing demands, dam debates, and landmark agreements have now been renewed through the Water Forum Agreement 2050. It's a reminder that on this river, lasting solutions are built not once, but through generations of negotiation and participation. [Read more.](#)



U.S. Supreme Court Overturns 91 Years of Hydro-Licensing Agency Precedent

In a dramatic move on June 29, the Supreme Court overturned non-partisan independent federal regulatory governance and handed the keys over to the Trump Administration. [Read more.](#)

Become a voice for California's rivers.

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